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PROCUREMENT OF EQUIPMENT AND MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure being adopted for procuring medicines and medical equipment for Government hospitals in the country;

(b) the details of medicines and medical equipment purchased by the Government for these hospitals during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether there is a difference between the market price of medicines and medical equipment and the rate at which these are supplied to the Government hospitals;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a): 'Health' being the State subject, information as such is not maintained, Centrally. In so far as three Central Government hospitals in Delhi viz. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College and associated hospitals are concerned, procurement of medicines/drugs is done in these hospitals by the following methods in order of preference:

(i) Government Medical Store Depot (GMSD) Supply

(ii) Public Sector Units by Open Tender Enquiry and taking L1

(iii) Limited Tender Enquiry

(iv) Approved Local Chemist appointed by Open Tender.

Equipments are procured through Open Tender basis as per provision in GFR and Government instructions issued from time to time.

(b): As per Annexure enclosed.

(c) to (e): These hospitals purchase medicines in bulk through Open Tender/competitive bids with L1 criteria and hence their prices are less than market price. Similarly equipments are also procured through Open Tender Enquiry with L1 criteria.